

Alternatives to "Says"

When adding a quotation to your work, it is easy to use the word "says" as the introduction to the speaker's/writer's words. For example, Mr. Magoo says, "There is no other time to laugh but now!" Academic writing, however, often uses substitutes for the word "says" to introduce a quotation. For example, Mr. Magoo maintains that "There is no other time to laugh but now!" Here are some other examples (in alphabetical order):

argues
asserts
concludes
contends
discusses
emphasizes
examines
explores
focuses on
has determined that
highlights the fact that
maintains
mentions
notes
points out that
reports
states
suggests

